



Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

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Statute : Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) became law on October 11, 1976. The Act authorized EPA to secure information on all new and existing chemical substances, as well as to control any of the substances that were determined to cause unreasonable risk to public health or the environment. The current PCB regulations were published pursuant to this act. [View PCB regulations as of July 1, 2007.](#) [EXIT Disclaimer](#) For more information about TSCA, see the [Office of Civil Enforcement page](#), or view the act at [Toxic Substances Control Act \(15 U.S.C. 2605\)](#) [EXIT Disclaimer](#) - Paragraph (e) relates to PCBs.

PCB Regulations: 40 CFR 761

Current PCB regulations can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR 761. The CFR is updated as of July 1 each year. The Government Printing Office maintains the most current version of the CFR. [View PCB regulations as of July 1, 2007.](#) [EXIT Disclaimer](#) See also the [Interpretive Guidance](#) page for useful interpretations of the regulations as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

Additional Information

In addition, the Government Printing Office maintains a searchable database of all Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) publications and Federal Register (FR) Notices.

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Program Transfer

Effective October 1, 2007, management of the TSCA PCB cleanup and disposal program shifted to EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). [Read more information about the transfer.](#)

Detailed List of PCB Federal Register Notices (As of June 16, 2010)

EPA publishes information about the PCB program through the Federal Register. The Federal Register Notices listed below include PCB-related rules (proposed and final), notices of public meetings, responses to official comments, etc. This is not a comprehensive list of current regulations. For regulations concerning PCBs, please [view PCB regulations as of July 1, 2007.](#) [EXIT Disclaimer](#) EPA also maintains a searchable listing of [Federal Register Notices published by EPA.](#)

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6/16/2010	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM)	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs); Reassessment of Use Authorizations; Extension of Comment Period and Additional Public Meetings	<u>75 FR 34076 (PDF)</u> (2 pp. 55K, About PDF)
4/7/2010	Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM)	<u>Reassessment of PCB Use Authorizations; Announcement of Public Meetings</u>	<u>75 FR 17645</u>
1/29/2010	Withdrawal of Proposed Rule	<u>EPA Withdraws Proposed Rule for an Import Exemption for Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C.</u>	<u>75 FR 4759</u>
10/9/2007	Procedural Rule	Transfer of Polychlorinated Biphenyl Cleanup and Disposal Program from the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) (<i>OPPTS renamed Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, OCSPP, effective April 22, 2010</i>) to the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)	<u>72 FR 57235</u>
9/18/2007	Final Rule	Polychlorinated Biphenyls; Manufacturing (Import) Exemption	<u>72 FR 53152</u>
5/25/2007	Notice of Application to Renew, Data Availability, and Modification of Existing Approval	Army Chemical Agent Rocket Incinerator Approval to Dispose of Polychlorinated Biphenyls under the Toxic Substances Control Act	<u>72 FR 29317</u>
4/30/2007	Proposed Rule	Polychlorinated Biphenyls; Manufacturing (Import) Exemption	<u>72 FR 21190</u>
4/4/2006	Notice of Availability	Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Site Revitalization Guidance Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)	<u>71 FR 16703</u>
6/30/2005	Notice of Public Meeting	Polychlorinated Biphenyls	<u>70 FR 37837</u>
9/7/2004	Availability of Supplemental Response to Comments Document	Storage of PCB Articles for Reuse	<u>69 FR 54025</u>
6/20/2003	Final Rule	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) - Use of Porous Surfaces, Amendment in Response to Court Decision	<u>68 FR 36927</u>
1/31/2003	Final Rule	Polychlorinated Biphenyls; Manufacturing (Import) Exemptions	<u>68 FR 4934</u>
9/17/2002	Proposed Rule	Polychlorinated Biphenyls; Manufacturing (Import) Exemptions	<u>67 FR 58567</u>
4/2/2001	Final Rule	Reclassification of PCB and PCB-Contaminated Electrical Equipment	<u>66 FR 17602</u>
3/30/2001	Final Rule	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs);	<u>66 FR</u>

		Return of PCB Waste From US Territories Outside the Customs Territory of the United States	<u>17468</u>
11/1/2000	Proposed Rule	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs); Return of PCB Waste From US Territories Outside the Customs Territory of the United States	<u>65 FR 65654</u>
4/6/2000	Proposed Rule	Use Authorization for and Distribution in Commerce of Non-Liquid Polychlorinated Biphenyls; Notice of Availability; Partial Reopening of the Comment Period; Extension of Comment Period	<u>65 FR 18018</u>
12/10/1999	Proposed Rule	Use Authorization for and Distribution in Commerce of Non-Liquid Polychlorinated Biphenyls; Notice of Availability; Partial Reopening of the Comment Period	<u>64 FR 69358</u>
6/24/1999	Final Rule	Technical and Procedural Amendments to TSCA Regulations - Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	<u>64 FR 33755</u>
6/29/1998	Final Rule	Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	<u>63 FR 35384</u>
3/18/1996	Final Rule	Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls; Import for Disposal	<u>61 FR 11095</u>
2/9/1995	Notice of Informal Hearing	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing and Distribution in Commerce Exemptions	<u>60 FR 7742</u>
12/6/1994	Proposed Rule	Disposal of PCBs (Mega Amendments)	<u>59 FR 62788</u>
12/6/1994		PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing and Distribution in Commerce; Proposed Decision on Exemption Petitions	<u>59 FR 62875</u>
4/11/1994	Exemptions from Prohibition	PCBs	<u>59 FR 16991</u>
11/18/1993	Proposed Rule	Reclassification of PCB and PCB-Contaminated Transformers	<u>58 FR 60970</u>
11/9/1993		Criteria for Granting Approval for Commercial Storage of PCBs for Disposal	<u>58 FR 59372</u>
6/8/1993		Use of Waste Oil	<u>58 FR 32061</u>
1/26/1993	Proposed Rule	Storage for Disposal of PCBs	<u>58 FR 6184</u>
4/16/1992		Revision of Test Methods Incorporated by Reference	<u>57 FR 13322</u>
3/2/1992	Proposed Rule	PCB Exemptions and Use Authorizations	<u>57 FR 7349</u>

9/10/1991		Receipt of Applications to Dispose of PCBs	56 FR 46180
6/10/1991		Receipt of Application to Operate PCB Storage Facility	56 FR 26673
6/10/1991	ANPR	Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Disposal of PCBs	56 FR 26738
6/10/1991	Availability of Draft Guidance Documents	Availability of Draft Guidance on Disposal of PCBs	56 FR 26745
4/2/1991	Availability of Draft Guidance Documents	PCBs in Natural Gas Pipelines	56 FR 13473
3/4/1991		Availability and Review of PCB State Enhancement Grant Program	56 FR 9008
3/1/1991		Agency Information Collection Activities under OMB Review	56 FR 8759
2/13/1991		Agency Information Collection Activities under OMB Review; PCB Exemptions - Annual Submission Requirements	56 FR 5824
12/27/1990	Notice	Agency Information Collection Activities under OMB Review	55 FR 53187
11/26/1990	Final Rule	PCBs in Electrical Transformers	55 FR 49043
11/7/1990	Final Rule	Partial Rescission of Exemption Rule	55 FR 46790
11/7/1990	Proposed Rule	Disposal Approval	55 FR 46790
11/2/1990		Criteria and Procedures for Terminating Storage	55 FR 46470
10/31/1990	Corrections	PCBs in Electrical Transformers	55 FR 45804
9/24/1990		PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce Technical Amendment	55 FR 38998
9/13/1990	Final Rule	Stay of Interpretation	
8/31/1990		Receipt of application for Approval to Dispose of PCBs	55 FR 35720
6/27/1990	Correction	Notification and Manifesting for PCB Waste Activities	55 FR 26204
6/6/1990		Receipt of Application for Approval to Dispose of PCBs	55 FR 23134
5/22/1990	Final Rule	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce Exemption	55 FR 21023
4/13/1990		Availability of PCB Penalty Policy	55 FR

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4/6/1990	Clarification	PCB; Wet Weight/Dry Weight	55 FR 12866
1/8/1990	Correction	Notification and Manifesting for PCB Waste Activities	55 FR 695
12/21/1989	Final Rule	Notification and Manifesting for PCB Waste Activities	54 FR 52716
9/12/1989	Reopening of Comment Period	PCB Exemptions	54 FR 37698
7/6/1989	Correction	PCB in Electrical Transformers	54 FR 28418
5/19/1989	Final Rule	Procedures for Rulemaking under Section 6 of TSCA	54 FR 21622
11/9/1988	Extension of Comment Period	Notification and Manifesting for PCB Waste Activities	53 FR 45288
10/28/1988		Receipt of application for Approval to Dispose of PCBs	53 FR 43767
10/19/1988	Amendment and Clarifications	PCB Spill Cleanup Policy	53 FR 40882
9/26/1988	Proposed Rule	Notification and Manifesting for PCB Waste Activities	53 FR 37436
9/1/1988	Correction	PCBs in Electrical Transformers	53 FR 33897
8/24/1988	Correction	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing and Distribution in Commerce Exemptions	53 FR 32326
8/2/1988		PCB Exclusions, Exemptions and Use Authorizations; Correction	53 FR 29114
7/19/1988	Final Rule	PCBs in Electrical Transformers	53 FR 27322
7/1/1988	Correction	PCB and Chemical Fate Test Guidelines	53 FR 25049
6/27/1988	Final Rule	Exclusion, Exemptions and Use Authorizations	53 FR 24206
6/9/1988	Final Rule	PCB and Chemical Fate Testing Guidelines; Incorporation by Reference Update	53 FR 21641
5/25/1988		Receipt of Application for Approval to Dispose of PCBs	53 FR 18900
5/18/1988	Notice of Receipt of Application	Receipt of Application for Approval to Dispose of PCBs	53 FR 11761
4/5/1988	Proposed Revisions of Incorporation by Reference	PCB and Chemical Fate Testing Guidelines	53 FR 11104
3/31/1988		PCB and Chemical Fate Testing	53 FR

		Guidelines, Reapproved Test Methods	10390
9/18/1987	Corrections	PCBs in Electrical Transformers	52 FR 35350
9/4/1987	Corrections	PCBs; Exclusions, Exemptions and Use Authorizations	52 FR 33680
8/21/1987	Proposed Rule	PCBs in Electrical Transformers	52 FR 31738
7/8/1987	Proposed Rule	PCBs; Exclusions, Exemptions and Use Authorizations	52 FR 25838
7/2/1987	Denial of Citizens' Petition	PCBs	52 FR 25068
6/19/1987	Corrections	PCB Spill Cleanup Policy	52 FR 23397
4/2/1987	Final Rule	PCB Spill Cleanup Policy	52 FR 10688
1/9/1987	Response to Citizens' Petition	PCBs	52 FR 862
12/8/1986		Clarification of the Use of Electrical Transformers	59 FR 47241
8/8/1986	Final Rule	Response to Exemption Petitions	51 FR 28556
8/29/1985	Denial of Exemption Petition	Response to Exemptions Petitions; Proposed Rule and Response to Ward Transfer Co. Petition for Exemption	50 FR 35182
7/17/1985	Final Rule	PCBs in Electrical Transformers	50 FR 29170
4/4/1985	Proposed Incorporation by Reference Revision	PCBs	50 FR 13393
2/8/1985	Extension of Comment Period	PCBs; Use in Electrical Transformers	50 FR 5401
11/28/1984	Correction	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions; Use in Electrical Transformers	49 FR 46770
11/8/1984		Modification of Definition of Totally Enclosed Manner for PCB Activities	49 FR 44634
10/11/1984	Proposed Rule	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions; Use in Electrical Transformers	49 FR 39966
9/19/1984	Incorporation by Reference	PCBs	49 FR 36648
8/20/1984	Correction	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions, Exclusions, Exemptions	49 FR 33019

		and Use Authorizations	
7/23/1984	Proposed Rule	PCBs, Modification of Definition of Totally Enclosed Manner for PCB Activities	49 FR 29625
7/18/1984	Technical Amendment	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions	49 FR 29066
7/18/1984	Editorial Amendment of Definition Correction	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions	49 FR 29066
7/10/1984		PCBs; Final Rules and Notice of Request for Additional Comments on Certain Individuals and Class Petitions for Exemption	49 FR 28154
7/10/1984	Exclusions and Authorizations	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions	49 FR 28172
7/10/1984		PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions; Use in Microscopy and Research and Development	49 FR 28193
7/10/1984		PCBs; Request for Additional Comments on Certain Individual Class Petitions for Exemptions	49 FR 28203
6/20/1984	Editorial Amendment of Definition	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions	49 FR 25239
6/1/1984	Proposed Incorporation by Reference Revision	PCBs	49 FR 22836
3/22/1984	ANPR	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions; Use in Electrical Transformers	49 FR 11070
3/19/1984		PCBs; Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Prohibitions at Agricultural Chemical Facilities	49 FR 10133
1/13/1984	Denial of Citizens' Petition	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions	49 FR 1697
12/8/1983	Proposed Rule	PCBs, Exclusions, Exemptions and Use Authorizations	48 FR 55076
11/23/1983	Correction	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce Exemptions	48 FR 52953
11/17/1983		PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions; Use in Microscopy and Research and Development	48 FR 52402

11/17/1983		TSCA Statement of Policy for Compliance and Enforcement of PCB Storage for Disposal Regulations	48 FR 52304
11/1/1983		PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce Exemptions	48 FR 50486
5/10/1983	Notice of Availability and Summary Report	Availability of Report; Monitoring Results and Environmental Impact on the Gulf of Mexico Incineration of PCBs under Research Permit H81-002; 4/83	48 FR 20984
4/20/1983	Denial of Citizens' Petition; Rule Related Notice	PCBs; Manufacturing Processing, Distribution in Commerce, and Use Prohibitions	48 FR 16884
4/7/1983		PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Prohibitions; Incorporation by Reference Revisions; Correction; Final Rule; Correction (corrects "batch testing" procedures of FR 2/8/83)	48 FR 15125
3/30/1983	Procedural Rule Amendment and Statement of Policy	PCBs; Procedural Amendment of the Approval Authority for PCB Disposal Facilities and Guidance for Obtaining Approval	48 FR 13181
2/18/1983	Statement of Policy	PCB Use in Electrical Equipment	48 FR 7172
2/8/1983	Final Rule	PCB Incorporation by Reference Revisions	48 FR 5729
2/1/1983	Correction	PCB Manufacture, Processing, Distribution and Use in Closed and Controlled Waste Manufacturing Processes	48 FR 4467
12/28/1982	Final Rule	Use Authorization for PCB Railroad Transformers	48 FR 124
12/3/1982	Correction	NIOSH/OSHA: Field Research Projects	47 FR 57774
11/18/1982	Correction	PCB Use in Electrical Equipment	47 FR 54436
11/17/1982		Pulp, Paper and Paperboards Point Source Category Effluent Limitations Guidelines and New Source Performance Standards; Proposed Regulation (Clean Water Act)	47 FR 52066
10/21/1982	Proposed Rule	Ocean Dumping; Proposed Designation of At-Sea Incineration Site	47 FR 51769
10/20/1982	Final Rule	PCB Manufacture, Processing, Distribution and Use in Closed and Controlled Waste Manufacturing Processes	47 FR 46980

8/25/1982	Denial of Citizens' Petition	PCB Regulation of MCBs and DCBs	47 FR 46723
8/25/1982	Final Rule	PCB Use in Electrical Equipment	47 FR 37342
7/13/1982	Denial of Citizens' Petition	PCB Regulations of MCBs	47 FR 37258
7/12/1982	Extension of Comment Period	PCB Incorporation by Reference Revisions	47 FR 30270
7/12/1982		Notice of Availability of Guidelines for the Analysis of PCBs	47 FR 30082
6/8/1982	Notice of Informal Hearing	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use in Closed and Controlled Waste Manufacturing Process	47 FR 30082
5/21/1982	Proposed Rule	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use in Closed and Controlled Waste Manufacturing Process	47 FR 24976
5/21/1982	Final Rule	PCB Incorporation by Reference Update	47 FR 22098
5/6/1982	Proposed Rule	PCB Incorporation by Reference Revisions	47 FR 22123
4/22/1982	Final Rule	PCB Recodification	47 FR 19526
1/15/1982	Proposed Rule	PCB Use in Electrical Equipment	47 FR 17426
1/3/1982	Denial of Citizens' Petition	PCB Disposal and Research and Development Activities	47 FR 2379
11/18/1981	Proposed Rule	Use Authorization for PCB Railroad Transformers	46 FR 56626
5/20/1981	Clarification of Interim Measures Program	PCB Use in Electrical Equipment	46 FR 27614
5/20/1981	Court Order	PCBs at Concentrations Below 50 ppm	46 FR 27615
5/20/1981	ANPR	PCBs at Concentrations Below 50 ppm; Possible Exclusion from Manufacturing Ban	46 FR 27617
5/20/1981	ANPR	PCBs at Concentrations Below 50 ppm	46 FR 27619
5/6/1981	Abeyance of Proposed Rule	Restrictions on Use of PCBs at Agricultural Pesticide and Fertilizer Facilities	46 FR 25418
3/10/1981	Court Order	PCB Use in Electrical Equipment	46 FR 16090
3/10/1981	ANPR	PCB Use in Electrical Equipment	46 FR

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12/23/1980	Extension of Comment Period	Restrictions on Use of PCBs at Agricultural Pesticide and Fertilizer Facilities	45 FR 84828
12/4/1980	Denial of Citizens' Petition	Use of PCBs in Floor Sweep Compounds	45 FR 80320
10/28/1980	Extension of Comment Period; Announcement of Informal Public Meeting	Restrictions on Use of PCBs at Agricultural Pesticide and Fertilizer Facilities	45 FR 71364
9/10/1980	Policy Guidelines	PCB Penalty Policy	45 FR 59790
7/14/1980	Extension of Comment Period	Restrictions on Use of PCBs at Agricultural Pesticide and Fertilizer Facilities	45 FR 47168
5/9/1980	Proposed Rule	Restrictions on Use of PCBs at Agricultural Pesticide and Fertilizer Facilities	45 FR 30989
5/1/1980		Expiration of the Open Border Policy for PCB Disposal	45 FR 29115
4/16/1980	Extension of Comment Period	Request for Information on PCB Transformers (published 3/5/80)	45 FR 25828
3/28/1980	Final Amendment	Disposal Requirements for PCB Capacitors in Chemical Waste Landfills	45 FR 20473
3/5/1980		Policy Statement on Future Exemption Petitions	45 FR 14247
3/5/1980		Request for Information on PCB Transformers ("Weeping" or "Sweating")	45 FR 14232
11/29/1979	Proposed Amendment Clarification	PCB Hydraulic Machines	44 FR 68489
11/21/1979	Proposed Amendment	Disposal Requirements for Large PCB Capacitors in Chemical Waste Landfills	44 FR 66851
10/2/1979	Proposed Rule and Interim Guidance	Notification of Export of PCBs;	44 FR 56856
9/19/1979		Disposal Requirements; Immediately Effective Amendment to the 5/31/79 Final Rule Comment Period	44 FR 54296
7/20/1979	Notice of Additional Petitions and Extensions of Reply Comment	PCBs; Manufacturing Exemptions	44 FR 42727
7/9/1979	Denial of Citizens'	Disposal of PCB Contaminated Soil	44 FR

	Petition	and Debris	40132
5/31/1979	Proposed Rule	Amendment to Criteria for Chemical Waste Landfills	44 FR 31567
5/31/1979	Proposed Rule	Manufacturing Exemptions	44 FR 31564
5/31/1979		Interim Procedural Rules for Exemptions from the PCB Processing and Distribution in Commerce Bans PCBs;	44 FR 31558
5/31/1979	Final Rule	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Bans	44 FR 31514
3/12/1979	Citizens' Petition	Disposal of PCB Contaminated Soil and Debris	44 FR 13575
1/2/1979		Policy for Implementation and Enforcement of PCB Ban Rule	44 FR 108
11/1/1978		Interim Procedural Rules for Exemptions from PCB Manufacturing Ban	43 FR 50905
9/22/1978	Extension of Reply Comment Period	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Bans	43 FR 43048
8/25/1978	Clarification	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Bans	43 FR 38057
8/2/1978		PCB Addendum to Preamble and Correction to Final Rule published 2/17/78	43 FR 33918
6/7/1978	Proposed Rule	PCBs; Manufacturing, Processing, Distribution in Commerce and Use Bans	43 FR 24802
2/17/1978	Final Rule	PCBs; Marking and Disposal	43 FR 7150
12/2/1977	Final Rule	Procedures for Rulemaking under Section 6 of TSCA	42 FR 61259
6/27/1977	Solicitation of Comments	PCB Open Public Meeting;	42 FR 32555
5/24/1977	Proposed Rule	PCB Marking and Disposal	42 FR 26564
4/1/1976		PCB Containing Waste; Disposal Procedures	41 FR 14133

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